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"For those facing **nightmares** every day."

SLEEP PARALYSIS - ADAM IBRAHIM



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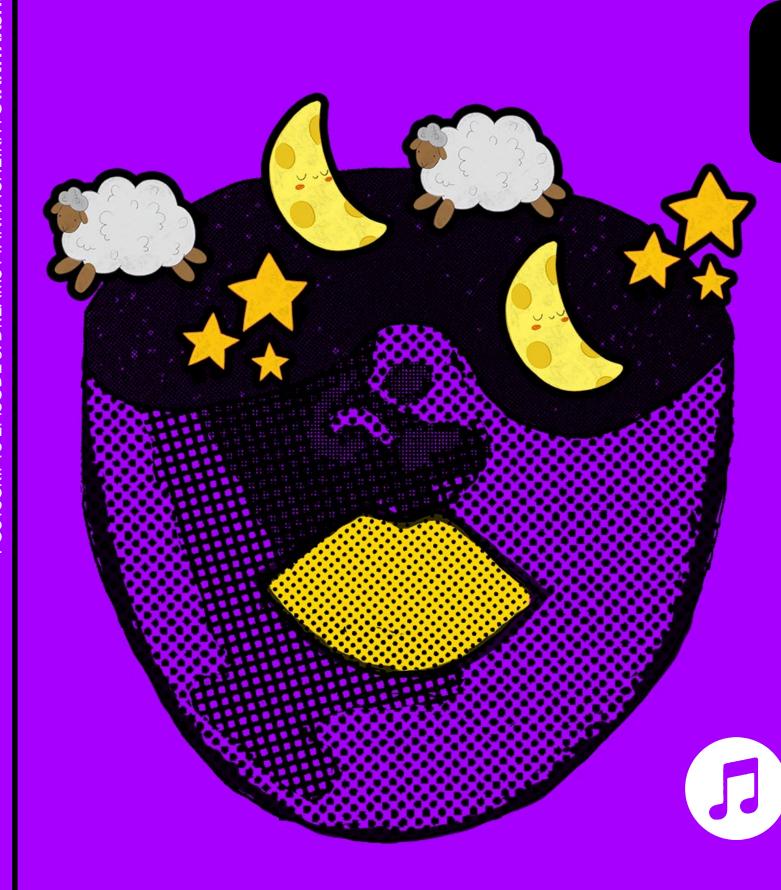
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I had a dream last night that I took a picture of my childhood home's backyard chopped up and progressed into a subdivision. The resulting picture was a grisly, decrepit section of fence that I obviously can't reveal to you in waking life. The formerly one-acre backyard had been transformed from trees, natural grass and rolling hills into boxed-off, small sections of land each belonging to a series of houses that all looked nearly identical.

In fact, upon writing this, I now know that the development of my family's old land from a 90+ year old home sitting at the crest of New Brunswick wilderness into a bland, boring subdivision was a direct representation of how it felt moving to the GTA of Ontario. New Brunswick was and will always be an instrumental part of shaping my being, my respect for nature, and my appreciation for the role long-time friends have in my life.

LOUSE:

The small village of Harvey
Station, New Brunswick is as
much connected to me now as
it was then. I remember every
shop, and every house. I
remember every cubic foot of
the yard I used to romp on. I
love New Brunswick. And so I
remember it.

I remember how it felt to graze my knees on the backyard floor that was as much pine needles as it was grass-bed. I remember how everyone said hello as they passed you. I remember how you could see the elementary school through a clearing at the top of the other side of Harvey hill. I especially remember the true enjoyment that this small village brought me through the entirety of my pre-teens.

My dream last night was a searing reminder of how it felt having to give up trees for fences, lakes for industrial pools, fruit picked from my own backyard for fruit picked in the States. It was single-handedly the toughest move, and one of the toughest adjustment periods of my life.

The thing is, if we keep cookie-cutting houses and desecrating natural land for new-comers, the connection to the Earth and each other that rural living provides us with will be lost. We will rob our children of the opportunity to grow up closer to the foundation of what makes us human. And that simply can't happen.







Kurosawa's Dream

It's late summer, Full moon breaks through My blinds, I feel the night

I watch Kurosawa's Dreams. As he steps from painting To painting; I wish I could

Travel between films, In much the same way. Experience empty halls And theatres grand

Wheat fields and crows, As the harvest comes in With the evening sun Broken houses and put together homes with fathers And mothers to reap the fields Drifting between the pastures Of these antiquated pictures Dancing with the breeze.

Kurosawa leaves the painting, Sits on a bench, Stares at it instead.

I ask him, "Why?" He looks at me and smiles. "Dreams are brief, as are you"

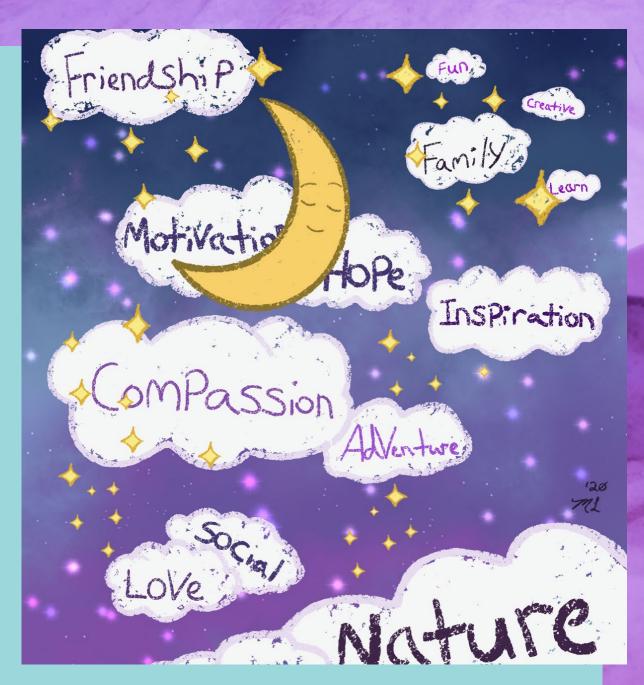
So I sit beside him And stare.







I was thinking about the most important values in my life. I ended up doing something very whimsy & showed my inner child with this crayon tool from Procreate.



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Flight Orean



Castle in the air

Do you remember our castle?

Oh, how I wish to go back to that day

The wind

Our childhood

Our dreams

Those were the days

When our future was whatever we wanted it to be

I could use our castle today

Get in it and fly away

Fly to how everything should have been

Fly to you and me

Conquer the skies together

Become warriors without wars

Skilled fighters without hands or weapons

And maybe

Never grow up

Cry over scratched knees

Instead of scratched dreams

Live with light hearts

There's still time

Take my hand and let's build our castle

There's no time machine

But there's you and me

We'll build it right here in the middle of the city

Take up to the sky and be free again

Be whole again

Be us in our castle in the air

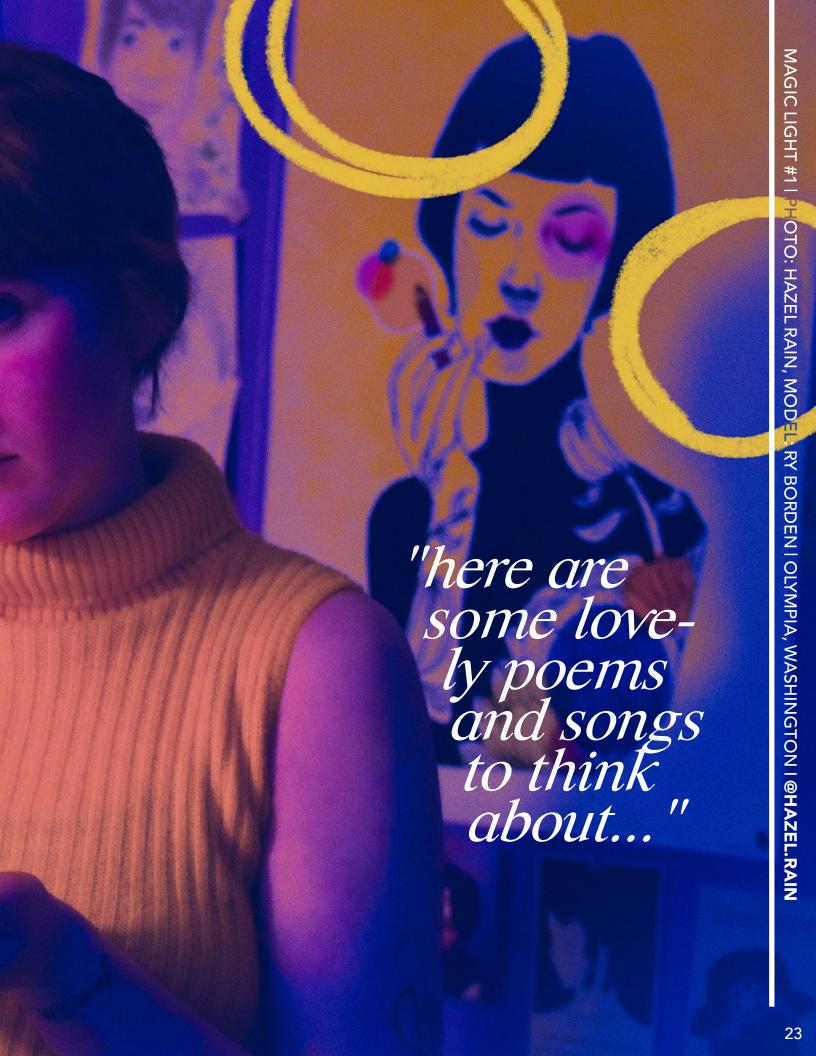
Forever

a guide to sweet dreamin

for makella who's tryna fix her sleeping pattern atm.

here are some lovely poems and songs to think about/keep ur mind occupied and hopefully help u fall into dream world. this is a week-long guide. pls practice the following steps over the course of seven days and i guarantee u will be snoozing soundly in no time.

step 1: here are the basics. in order to put ur mind in rest mode, u gotta do a little routine, this usually includes things like putting ur electronics away an hour or two before bedtime. but obviously, that can be difficult so maybe start with limiting the number u have access to. if u want to hold on to ur phone, turn off the tv, put ur laptop away! u can't have both bedtime scrolling and bedtime netflix. u will never get to sleep that way, so yes, choose one. make sure the one u choose is on night mode...no notifications, brightness down, perfect, this is when u can watch a little video or play a little love song. a love song can often be the same as a positive affirmation to whisper along to urself, and sometimes a positive affirmation to whisper along to urself can sound just like joni mitchell saying "i wanna knit you a sweater, i wanna write you a love letter, i wanna make you feel better, i wanna make you feel free"



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step 2: writing time. sounds like a chore but it doesn't have to be! get a pen and paper (or open the notes app if u still have ur phone) u have two options here depending on what side of ur brain u feel like using.

2a: write down everything you've done today, big and little. e.g opened new savings account, pet dog etc. write down top three things to do tomorrow. don't put too much pressure on urself though. lay out ur intentions like you are paving a path of ease for the future. say "i am going to be open and present with my friend over dinner", "i am going to walk the scenic route otw to work tomorrow".

2b: if u don't like lists, write a lil rambling. a poem that no one will see, a letter to someone u saw on the bus, a sentence that's ninety words long. anything! any structure! as long as it is easy. remember when anne rice said, "don't bend; don't water it down; don't try to make it logical; don't edit your own soul according to the fashion". this is what she meant. consider this ur brain doing a huge exhale. this brain exhale is essential for sound sleeping.

step 3: get a lil tea. green is a classic. i like peppermint. camomile is nice too i've heard. maybe do a berry tea if u are feeling fancy. something new. if u have a tea shop near u. go in during the day and pick out tonight's tea. try something new. u will be buzzing all day thinking about ur new tea for later. u know when robot bjork said "you'll be given love, you'll be taken care of. maybe not from the sources you've poured yours. maybe not from the direction you are staring at. twist your head around. it's all around you"? when the night is chilly, ur bed is cozy, and ur tea is perfectly steeped then you will know what she meant.

step 4: this is where u fall asleep. all ur worries are gone with the wind. dissolved by ur tea. tucked away in a notebook. ur left with good feelings. like when mary oliver said "you only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves" - this is what she meant. wrap urself up gentle like a little baby or an egg. u will start to feel it after a couple of minutes. close ur eyes and be warm. u don't have to be anything or be anywhere.

LLD (our dreams have ange

Sorrow tumbled

Tears roll down my face

But I know he's in a higher place

I set my blessings to above the sky

And I say to my fallen friend, why

I place my heart over that chip

I place my start on that trip

I treated demons like demons to begin...to understand how well

But I'm in 4 corners I couldn't find which corner to tell

I made raindrops seem like showers

I held my voice, while I cried inside for hours

I placed my hands above the sky to hear a prayer

Then I open up my eyes and I don't want to more

You call em war babies, I call them ghettho call them redeemed, you call them helping saved

And with whose path held them to be waive

Who pressed their wings to the ground to be graved

Who led my now guardians angels to this end paved

We are all we got

I don't want everyone losing their angels

Love yourself

Hello my name is Noah Humphrey, and I utilize my work in poetry as metaphorical elements to tell mexperiences, and the many lessons learned in South Central. Poetry is my second voice - I'll keep moward and use my story to bring new ideas and chip at ignorance little by little.

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Life is about abandoning hopes and dreams

it is a mistake to believe that

the most childish wishes will come true one day

Ambition can get you anywhere you want to go

that is a lie

"You have to throw away impossible goals, and accept reality"

Those toughened by the world will tell you

Be everything you want to be

Express yourself

Seek fame, fortune, and love

Thoughts like these will only limit you

You cannot save a life

You cannot change the world

You cannot be special

You cannot be who you want to be

Happiness will come

but

Life will take everything away

No matter how much you think otherwise

(Now read it from the bottom up)









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KIN are Grace, Ritu and Adam. This female-led, London-based trio writes atmospheric indie pop, blending electronic keys and catchy guitar riffs to produce a sound that is unique, dynamic, and constantly evolving.

"Sharing Light", their debut single, is an atmospheric pop song with a dream-like quality and a theme full of nostalgia. Written on the banks of the River Avon, with the summer light shining off the water, the song is about being present in a moment whilst knowing it won't last and having an awareness of the nature around us to help alter and reflect our connections to another. A dream state of being - which is only temporary.

Produced by Nicholas Alexander (Minimal Animal, Before Breakfast, Dead Slow Hoot)

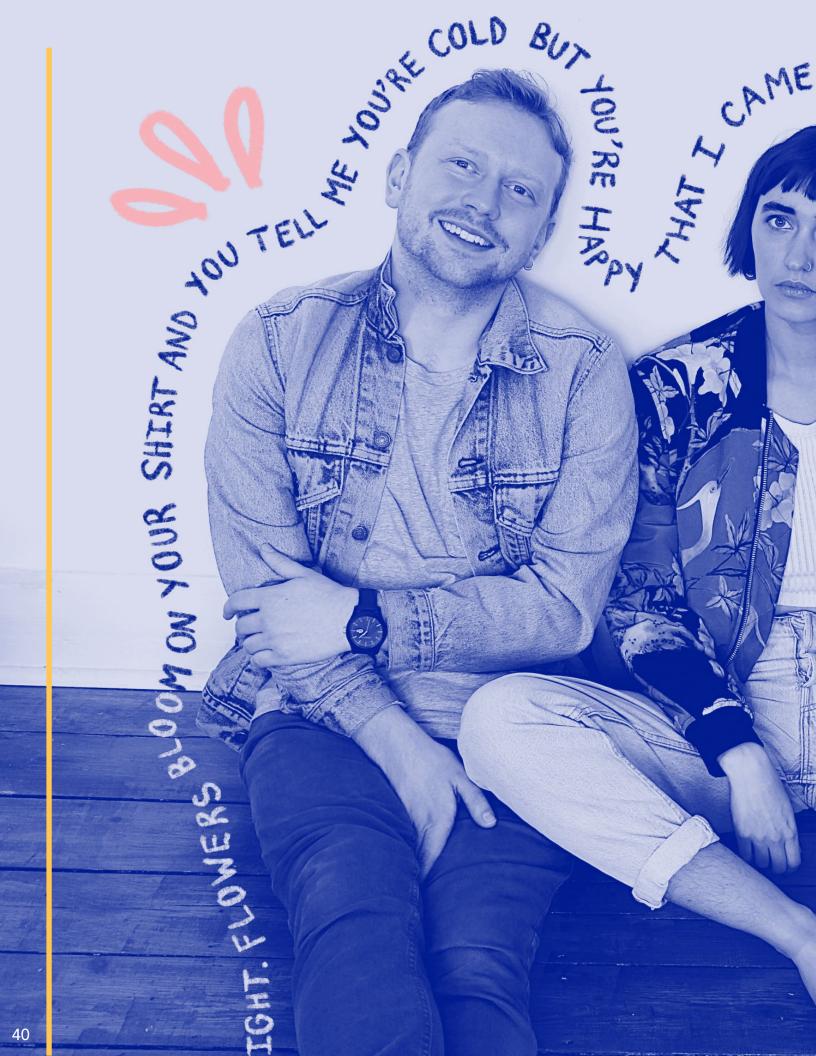
and mastered by Tim Rowkins (Mura Masa, Maribou State, Two Door Cinema Club), this debut track brings together soaring vocals, shimmering guitar and vintage synth to create a chilled alternative-pop song perfect for the early summer.

The release has been brought forward in the hope to bring some happiness in these trying times with the video being filmed and edited during lockdown.





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PRETENDING THERE'S NOTHING ELSE OUT THERE...













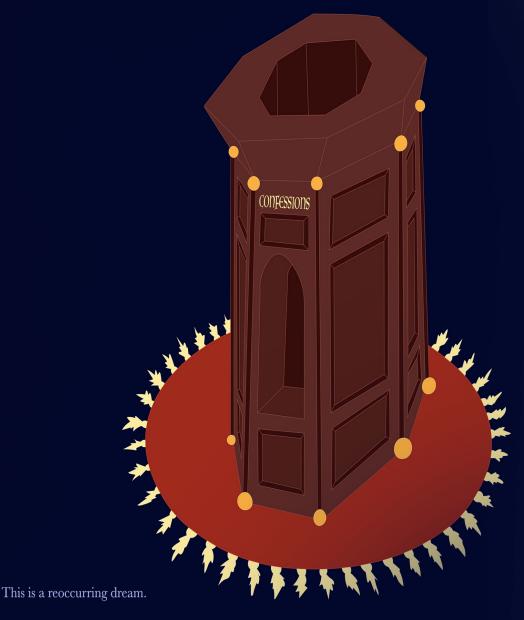




MODEL: EUGÈNE I @BLOODY_KILLERRR







I worked at a palace and the Queen of England was coming, so everyone was franticly tidying. I had to organise my area which was the confession stand. Although the palace was a typical English, palace, museum vibe, with a clear red carpet down the center of the room to guide the public to the reception area. It had suitcases and other random items that I had to rearrange neatly or hide completely. Once I was finished the Queen had arrived, but never came to my area. The public then started to arrive for an event and passed by the confession stand. One woman approached the confession stand, in my priest like white robes I knelt forward. The woman looked confused as I asked her what she would like to confess. I then realised she wanted guidance on where the event was taking place, and pointed her in the right direction. No one was interested in the confession stand so I went to help at the reception desk, where everyone had to be ticked off the guest list. I tried to make contact with each group that entered the room to get their name but they all avoided me making me frustrated.

I come to the pavement
hungover, weary, and with eyes
of snow
the clearing is bathed in yellow
but the patch beside the hoode
headphones who's nodding, dis

is empty

there's no snow yet so I ferret in stop under the spire's shadow where the light bouncing off the my eyes

I look up to sheer mortar force the vertical

St. Paul's finger pointing skywar (a physical moral compass?) even the windows symmetrically the prick divides them like that

suddenly, the doors creak open

a man in a purple scarf skulks av

earching for signs

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o the yard and

snow can't hurt

meet that way

ay and I get a

glimpse of the dark wooden scene within

shy, I turn back to the road and veer into the nodding man's patch with forced casual steps looking at my footprints in the snow miming checking the #13's schedule.

busy, polite, waiting

curious, furtive, I look back to the cathedral . when it feels discreet

the backs of white heads glow in the darkness the aisle is lined with those beacons, their light growing fainter the deeper they are in the wooden belly a kaleidoscope climbing the far wall interrupts the fading procession with brilliant light and I'm reminded again why they re there

music floats out to my little spot in the sun, high and warbling in the air

I pause my own to listen the road is loud but the notes are persistent mixing with the snow in the air swirling gently, a mosaic of lilting bulbs.

Inday
11:15

At the Collection

Chop

at 10am the snow and wind howled
I pushed my plans back because of it and my hangover

but them, the Sunday crowd

a voice

my friend waves from across the street, she's here and she's spotted the bus.
I look and see the #13 trundle towards me around the other side of the courtyard

I turn back into the blinding sundreams of another life forgotten as I thumb for my pass letting the shadows dust my shoulders and the music fall to engine strains



SHE DOESN'T SLEEPATNIGHT

HER MOONS DON'T PROTECTHER

THE ROOM UPSTAIRS PROJECTS UNWANTED PLETURES

AND THEY DISTRACT HER

THE RED WAVES MOVE SLOWLY
THEY FILL HEREARTHS SENDING SHIPS TO WAKEHER
FROZEN AND WAITING WHIST HER CORE IS PAINING
UNSTEADY, SHIPS START QUAKING

SHE DOESN'T SLEEP ATNIGHT

HER MOONS DON'T PROTECTHER

THE ROOM UPSTAIRS ROARS WITH LOUD EROSION

AND THIS DISTURBS HER

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SLEEP PARALYSIS

CATHERINE ROSE HELLER





WHEN I SLEEP, SOMETIMES MY MIND WAKES UP BEFORE MY BODY. I'LL EXPERIENCE SLEEP PARALYSIS.



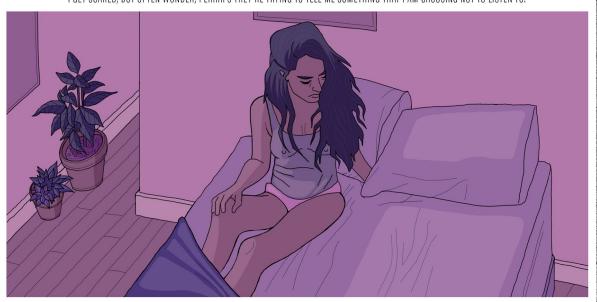


I'M VISITED BY SOMEONE WHO GETS AS CLOSE TO ME AS THE SKIN IS TO MY BONES. I ALWAYS TRY TO LOOK BACK TO SEE WHO THEY ARE, BUT CAN NEVER MOVE.





I GET SCARED, BUT OFTEN WONDER, PERHAPS THEY'RE TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING THAT I AM CHOOSING NOT TO LISTEN TO.



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Choknanipok (Man of Flint)

is a mythological figure from the Algonquian people. He is the third brother of the cultural hero Manabozo. Chokanipok had a body as big as a mountain. He fought many battles with his brother Manabozho. Manabozho's arrows tore off pieces of Chokanipok's body, which fell to Earth as pieces of flint. When Manabozho finally conquered Chokanipok, pieces of the giant's body were scattered everywhere. This story explains why flint is so common in some parts of the country.

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BY THE SEA

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"Feeling like something is missing, even though you have everything you want. It's as if I've lost the pure, free feeling I felt when I was a kid, and sometimes it's easy to believe romantic love could fill in that gap."



Listen to Renaissance Woman's dreamy and ethereal track "Stranger in a Dream" now on Spotify or YouTube.













* Trigger warning: This piece contains subject matter related to abuse.

He wrapped me in his lies Sheltering me from the truth As I begged to be set free He held on tighter Keeping me closer than ever before Whilst visiting my dreams He whipped the tears that fell ever so suddenly down my cheek Falling to the floor Formed an ocean of regretful events Chosen one by one by my trembling hands Letting each one take over his body Put out the fire in his heart that kept him alive **Turning stone cold** He lay motionless on the floor I awoke peacefully again



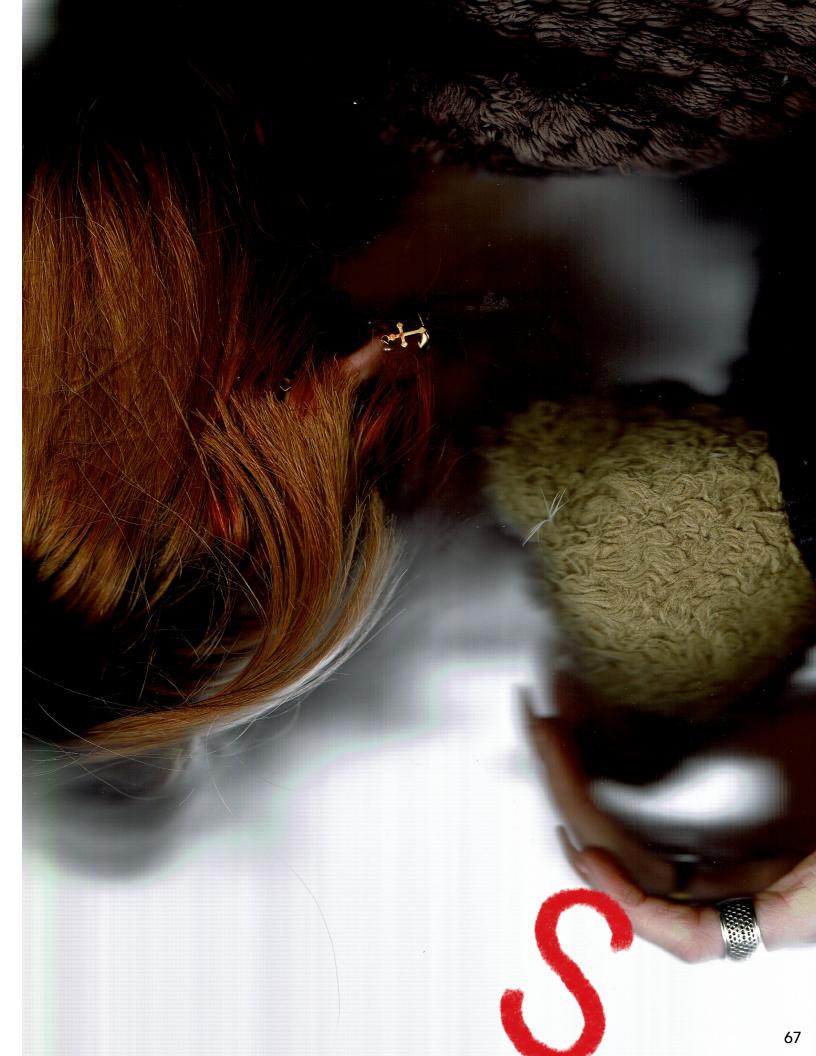


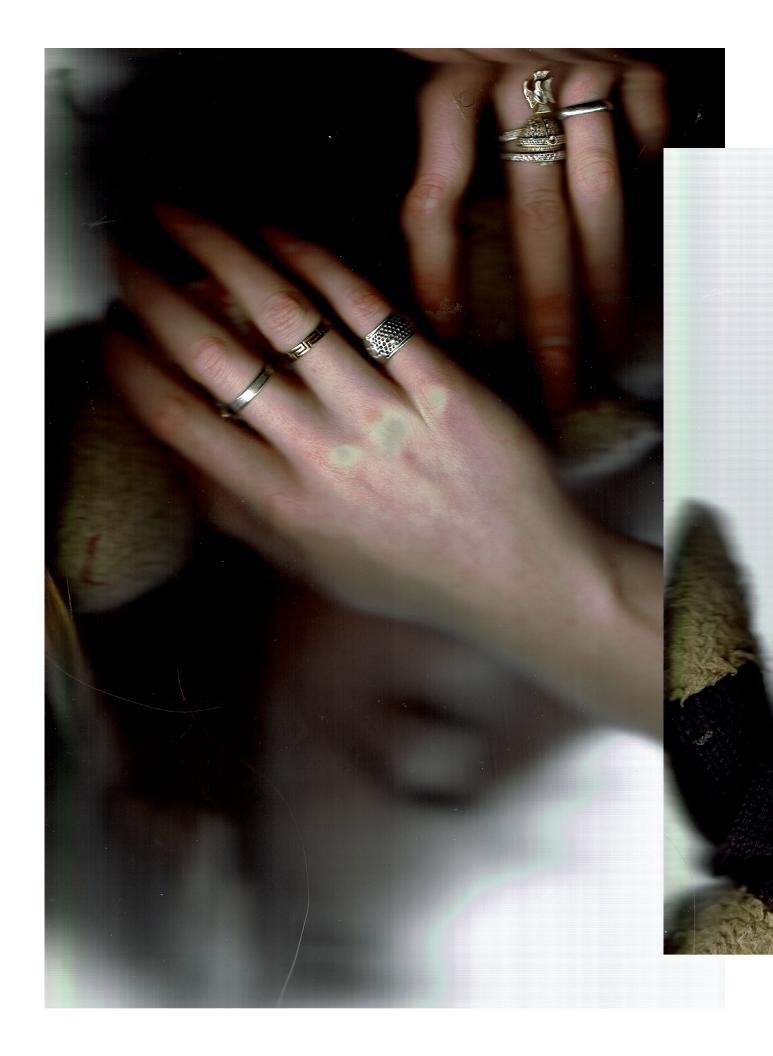
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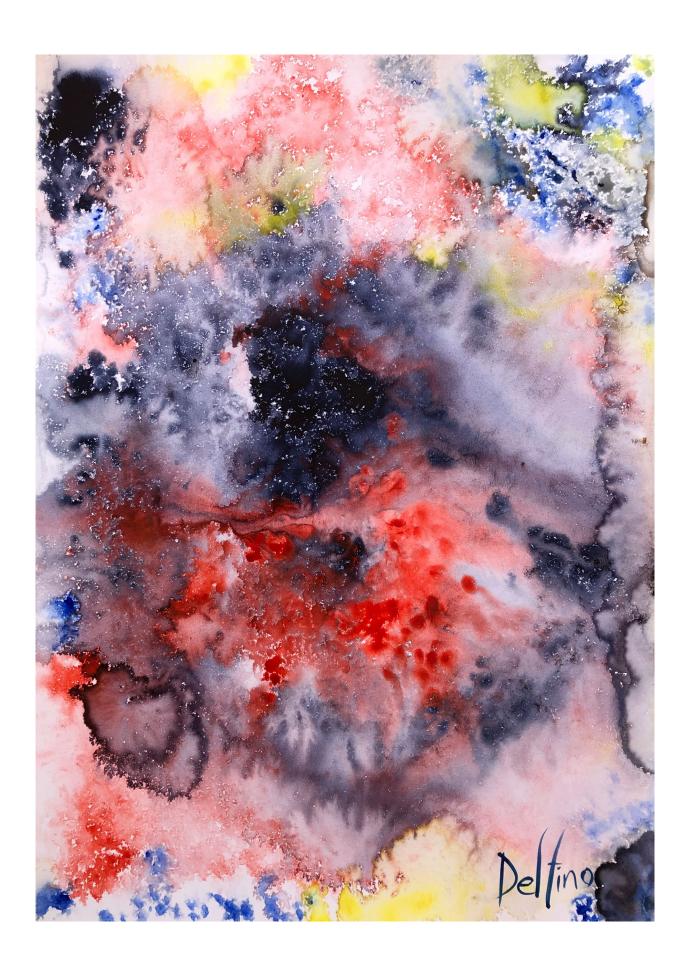


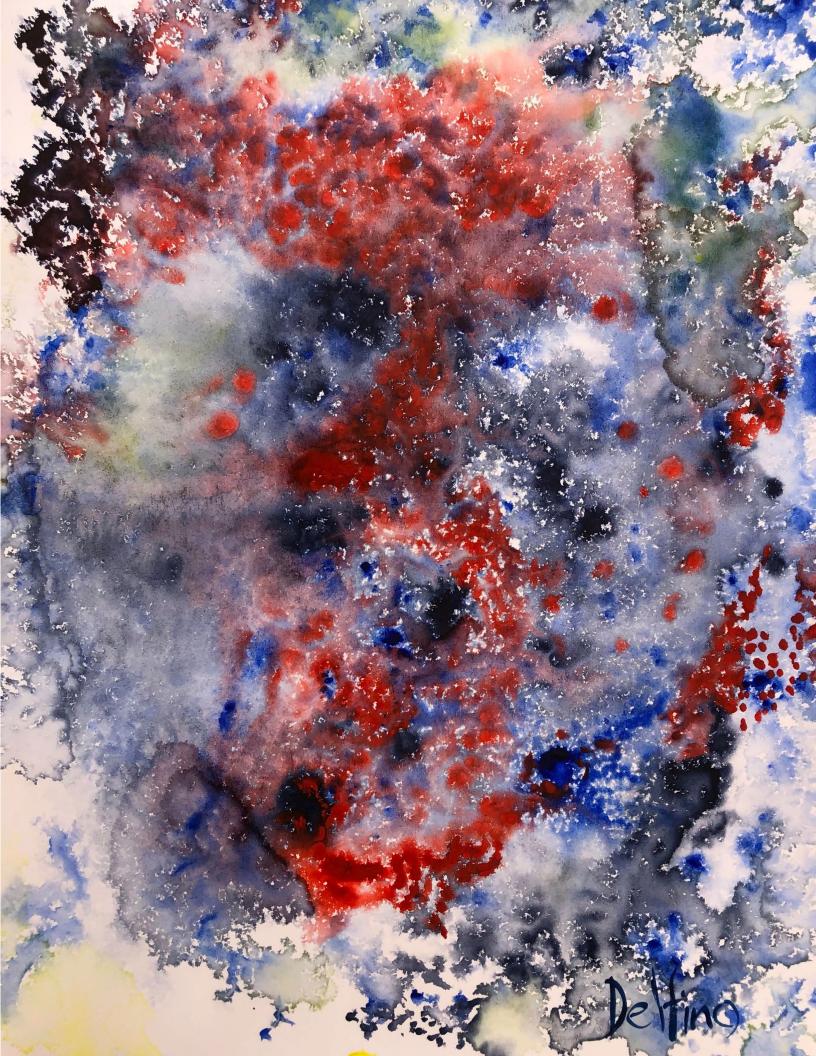












now's not the time: a short story

Pluto Swift

"Do you ever think we're just living in fantasy?" she asks, looking at me. Her complex brown eyes rest in her lightly freckled face. The glow of the bus stop reflects back at me in her eyes. Dreamy.

"Fantasy, yeah," I say with smug laughter. My youthful face curls a smile while I run my hand over the newly shaved fuzz on my head. I can't help but reference smutty humor at her question.

"You know what I mean," she nearly whispers. "I can't look at you. It feels like you know what I'm thinking." Her bashful glance shifts quickly away from my face and towards the ground.

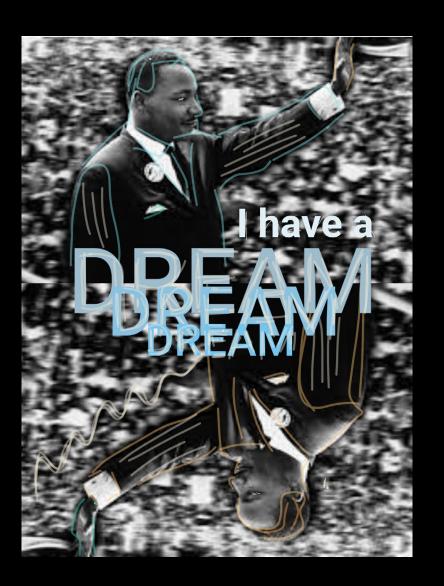
I feel this sense of warmth in my belly in her presence. My skeleton yearns to escape the body my muscles hold back as I urge to kiss her, even just once. Now's not the time. "What can we do?" I mutter.

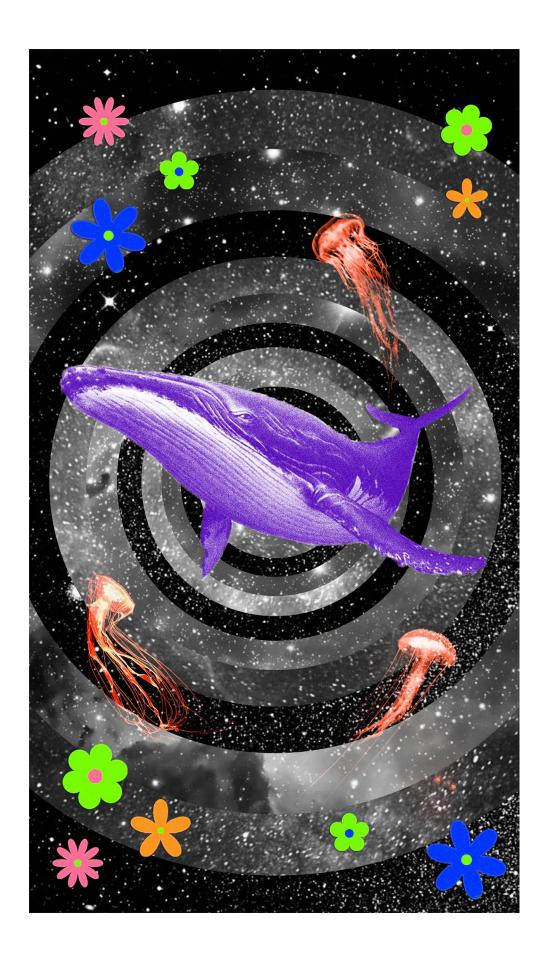
A sad sting of her voice, "this might be our last hurrah." The wet of the rain soaks our clothes, hair, and shoes as we stand jacketless away from the shelter of the bus stop. The time we have never feels like enough, but how can it? Now's not the time. The "I'll miss you," that barely escapes her lips is heart shattering, yet the treasure I needed to hear.

The last bus of the night comes before I can manage a proper goodbye. The scarcity of the time separates us as the bus vanishes into the night.

I'll miss her too.

















Fireworks burst in the sky and they sound like a heartbeat
They sing me to sleep
Fill my vision vividly,
Come to me like memories

The Eiffel Tower,
The man on the moon
The woman in the sun
Their embrace

Perhaps that's why I have trouble sleeping
Because my body is on earth
But my mind and heart are in the stars





midnight SNACK

They go where they want to go
Blistering in the Sahara to lapping the Nile
Stow away passengers with no home
Where do they come from
With tiny hands that pick up nothing
No grey wisdom or souvenirs for their loose grasp
Gremlins they travel light,
Just don't feed them after midnight
This rule is hard fast but not in the reverse,
Hell it's hit 2 am, but
I've eaten them raw in their holiday suits.



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Annie Zaylor



SWEET MOREALITY



Upcoming debut album, **"Sweet Mortality,"** set for release September 4th, 2020



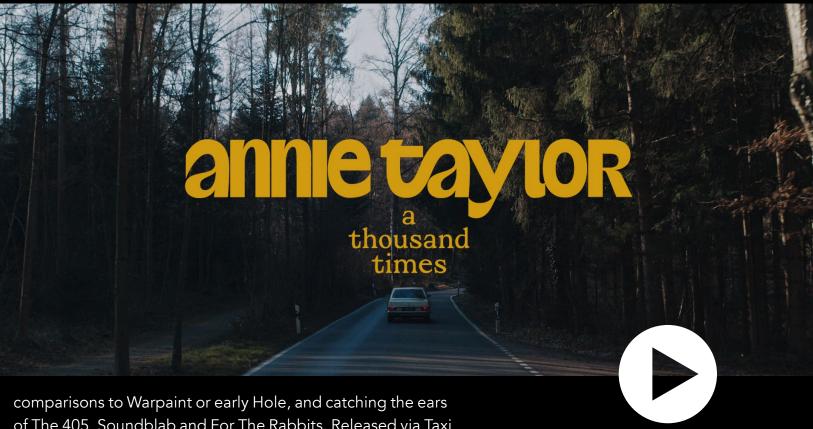
Switzerland's Annie Taylor are back less than a year after the release of their debut EP 'Not Yours!' with their fuzzy yet acerbic debut album Sweet Mortality, out 4th September via Taxi Gauche.

Pre-order here.

The band initially came into existence in 2017 releasing two singles 'Partner in Crime' and 'Wasted Youth', before taking

themselves on a tour of Italy, France and Switzerland. It was while settling down to record their debut EP 'Not Yours!' that the core members vocalist and guitarist Gini Jungi and bassist Michael Mutter brought on board the guitar of Tobias Arn and drums of Jan Winkler.

The addition of the two new members shifted the band's sound away from the rock-tinged pop of their early releases, instead drenching it in a heavier psychedelic wash, gaining the band



comparisons to Warpaint or early Hole, and catching the ears of The 405, Soundblab and For The Rabbits. Released via Taxi Gauche Records, 'Not Yours!' also featured artwork created by Dominic Foster, also known for his work with The Coral.

The band decided to hole themselves up in DALA Studios for Sweet Mortality, with David Langhard (producer of psychedelic titans Klaus Johann Grobe) at the helm for the sessions. What came out of it is a record that perfectly encapsulates the band's self description as "grunge psychedelic-rock", whilst expanding the band's sound into other territories. 'A Thousand Times' is both dreamy and biting, switching on a knife edge, whilst 'Drive' has a wild, galloping pace, with Mutter's fuzzed-out bass allowing the dual guitars of Jungi and Arn to let loose. Every time it looks like a song is about to go over the brink into full wig-out, the band's restless and sharp songwriting sensibilities cut through. It's a record as seeped in pop as it is in psychedelia, and ends up at a beautiful mid-point.

WATCH VIDEO NOW!

TELEPHONE

SLEEPWALKING







The band also are reuniting with Dominic Foster again for their artwork, continuing a drive to work with incredible artists that has seen them partner with Kevin Högger, Bastien Bron, and David Langhard.

Sweet Mortality is an exciting step forward from Annie Taylor, a record that not only shores up their confident sound, but also explores it further. With previous live dates alongside L.A.WITCH, Sunflower Bean, Sugar Candy Mountain and FEWS already under their belts as well, the band are already a potent live force. **Pre-order the album here.**















A piece about dreaming up the past.



EQUAL

I love you quietly, yet fiercely:

Words can't express my love for you I show you through my touch I kiss the corners, give you a rush I know exactly what you need.

Each time you speak, I feel so free I dance when you say you love me.

Spell it out, one more time

And I'll do the same for you.

I give you a touch It leaves a rush It's how you know I care.

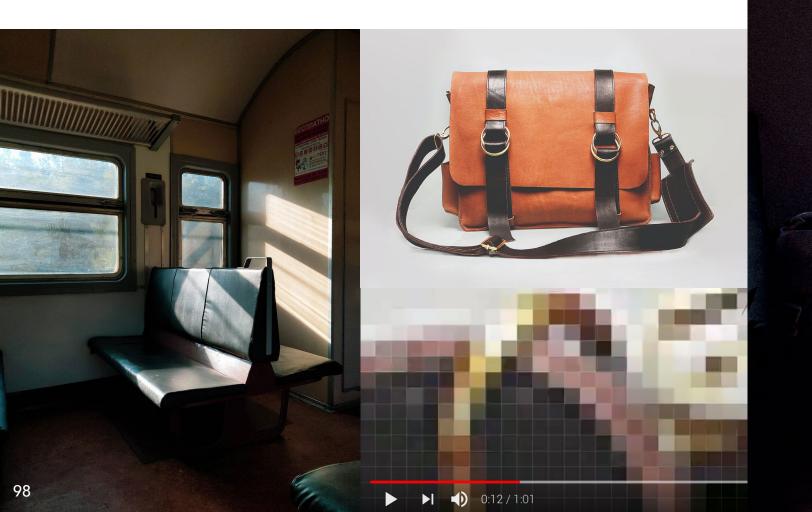
You say your love
It builds me up
Words are just the same.

You show me love
I give you love
You feel exactly what I do

We move in synch, no need for greed
When we both give each other what we need.

FALLING TERMINAL

- & PROCESS VIDEO -

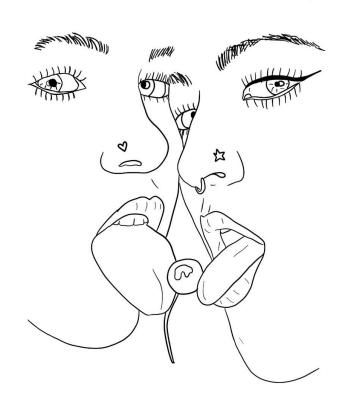






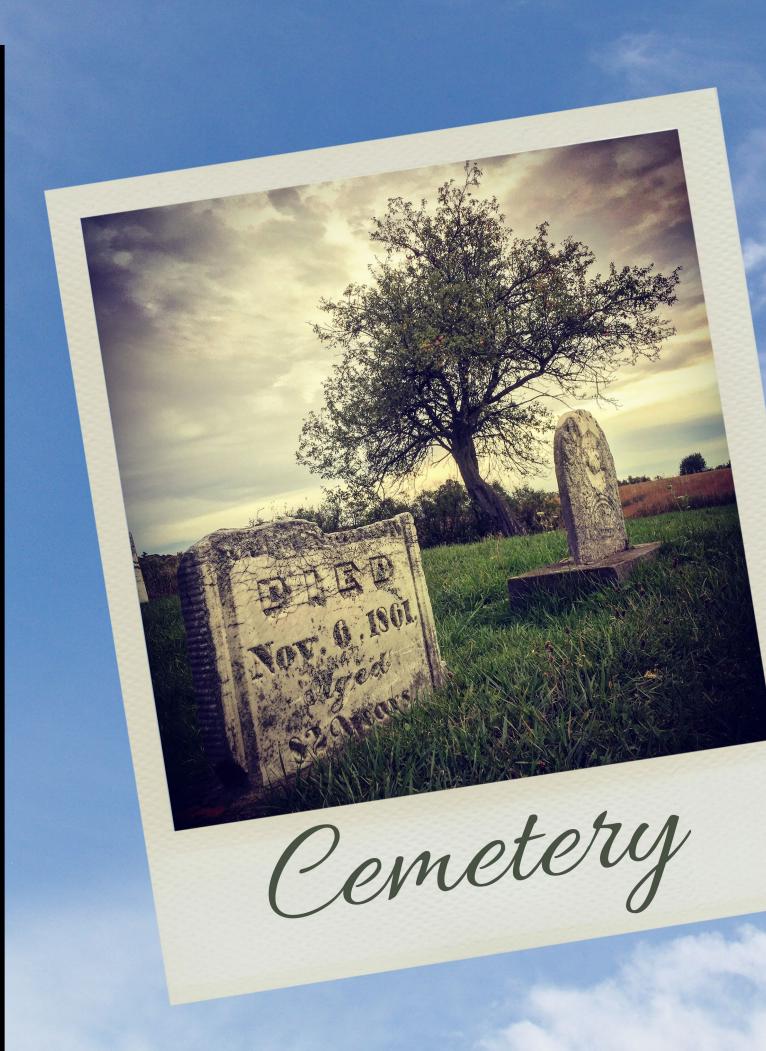
I created this collage in my quarantine with old porn magazines and words exchanged with a lover that I'm unable to see right now due to the pandemic. I miss her a lot, and I'm using art to work through all these feelings of separation, frustration, and loneliness. My heart goes out to all those separated from loved ones right now.

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Lollipop Fantasy is an illustration by NYC based artist: Leeza Lakhter. This piece has a presentational sexual dynamic between two people, which begs the question, who is this fantasy really for?





crusade

Forged of the finest iron,
Tempered in the soul of the flame,
Sharp enough to cut a voice,
And gleaming with potential.
Tears will fall upon its terrible beauty
As you wield it in The Garden,
They will whisper your name
As you slice their tainted doctrine
And drain the man-made poison
From their holy spring.



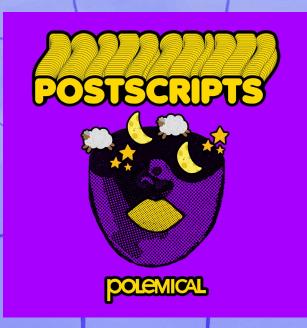








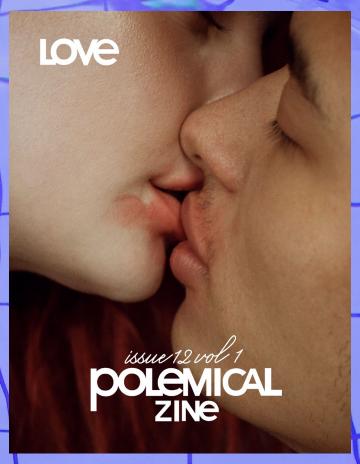




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